

LaFramboise Island Nature Area Trail System

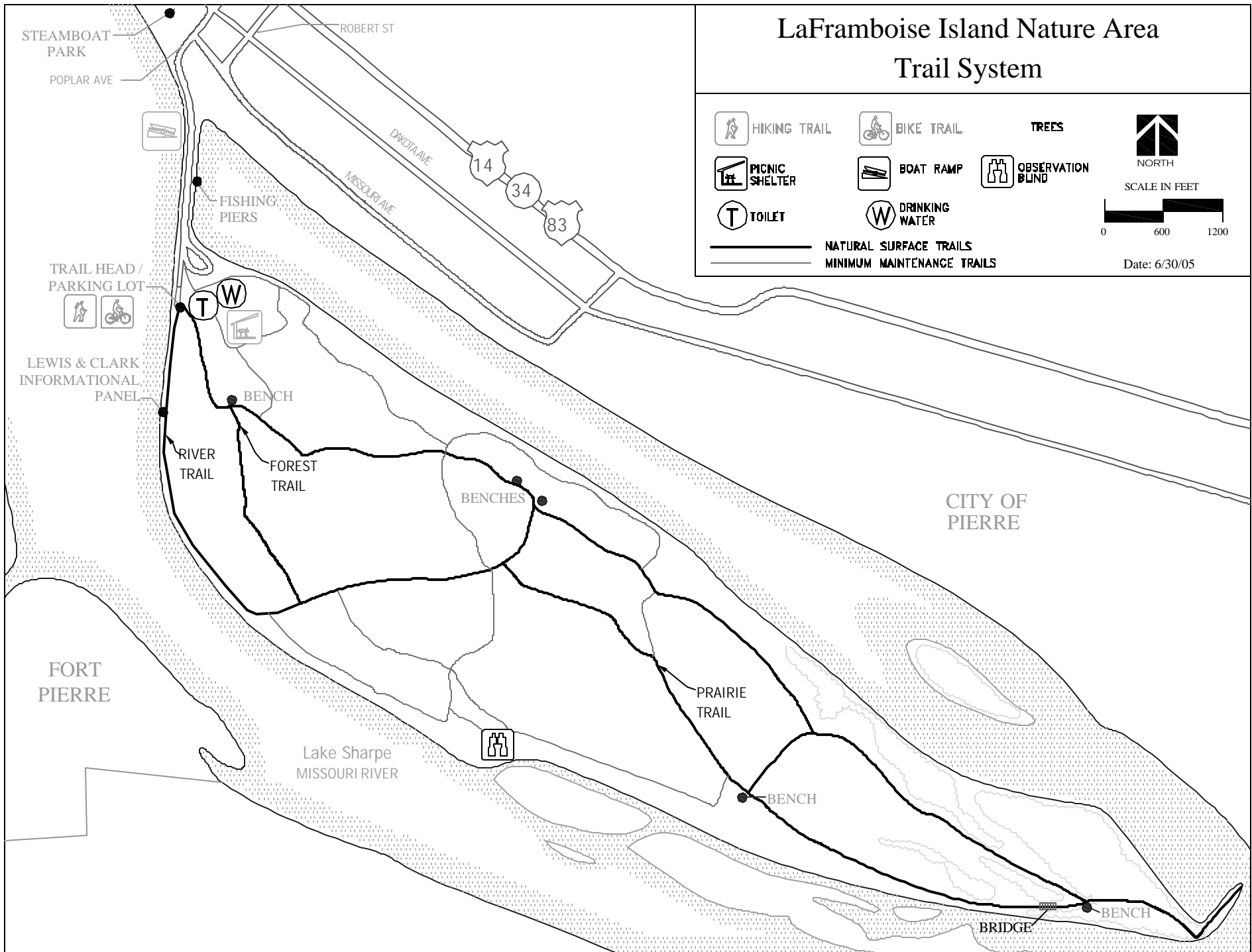
 HIKING TRAIL	 BIKE TRAIL	TREES
 PICNIC SHELTER	 BOAT RAMP	 OBSERVATION BLIND
 TOILET	 DRINKING WATER	
 NATURAL SURFACE TRAILS		
 MINIMUM MAINTENANCE TRAILS		



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Type of trail: Hiking, biking, cross-country skiing, viewing nature and interpretive history

Length of trail: Seven miles

Trail surface: Gravel/dirt/sand

Rated: Easy, appropriate for all ages

Fee required: none

Location of the trailhead: SW side of the city of Pierre, at the end of the causeway

Facilities at or near the trailhead: Toilet, parking, drinking water, picnic tables

Facilities along the trail: Benches

Will there be interpretive information available: Yes

What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park: None

Does this trail connect with any other trails: Yes, large trail is broken up into smaller loops (see map), also connects with the Lewis and Clark Trail (to Farm Island and Oahe Dam)

Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen, etc: In Pierre

Nearest motels/restaurants OUTSIDE the park: In Pierre

Nearest Chamber of Commerce:

Pierre Area Chamber of Commerce, 800 W. Dakota, Pierre, SD 57501, (605) 224-7361

Emergency phone numbers:

Amulance - 911

Sheriff - 773-7470

Fire Department - 911

Pierre Police Department - 773-7410

Do most cell phones work on this trail: Yes

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It is believed that the island was originally named “Bad Humor” by Lewis and Clark because of the difficulty they had with Black Buffalo’s band of Sioux Indians at the mouth of the Bad River. It was later changed to its present name, when Joseph La Framboise built Fort La Framboise at the mouth of the Bad River in 1817 for the American Fur Company. In 1829, the trading post was moved a mile upstream and renamed Fort Pierre Choteau after one of the founders of the fur company. In later years, parts of the island were farmed and a small saw mill also operated there. The remnants of these activities can still be seen today. La Framboise Island became part of the Corps of Engineers’ Big Bend Project in the 1960’s and the causeway was constructed, making the area more accessible to visitors. The Island was transferred from the Corps of Engineers to the South Dakota Department of Game, Fish and Parks in 2002.

NATURAL CHARACTERISTICS

La Framboise Island is typical of a number of sandbar islands that used to be found along the Missouri River floodplains, but because of the impoundments on the river few of these islands remain today. The vegetation of the island is currently in a state of change. Before the dams were constructed upstream the island would occasionally flood. The inundations saturated the soil and removed some of the mature trees permitting cottonwood seeds to germinate and grow. Since flooding has stopped, cottonwood trees have had little reproduction occurring, while cedar, ash and Russian olive are becoming more prevalent. As the mature cottonwoods die these other tree species will take their place.

La Framboise Island is an area with an incredible diversity of a bird species and wildlife. Deer and wild turkeys are common sights. The endangered least tern and bald eagle have been seen on the island. Snakes, ticks and poison ivy are also common, so please be careful.

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Lewis and Clark Trail [click here to get map](#)

Connects Farm Island Recreation Area,
LaFramboise Nature Area, and Oahe Downstream Recreation Area

Type of trail: Hiking and biking

Trail surface: Paved/gravel/limestone

Rated: Easy, appropriate for all ages

Fee required: Park Entrance License if starting at Farm Island or Oahe Downstream Recreation Areas

Length of trail in miles: 14.5 miles from Farm Island to Oahe Downstream

Location of the trailheads: Farm Island Recreation Area, LaFramboise Island Nature Area,
Oahe Downstream Recreation Area

Facilities at or near the trailheads: Parking lots and vault toilets

Facilities along the trail: Resting benches and views of the Missouri River

Will there be interpretive information available: No

What lodging opportunities are provided IN the park: (At Farm Island and Oahe Downstream only)
Tent camping, electrical and non-electrical campsites, wheelchair accessible campsites, camping
cabins

Does this trail connect with any other trails: Connects with trails in Farm Island Recreation Area,
LaFramboise Island Nature Area and Oahe Downstream Recreation Area

Nearest facilities for purchasing snacks, sunscreen etc.: In Pierre/Ft. Pierre

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